

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Ukraine—Non-Standard Ammunition

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy various rounds of non-standard ammunition to include, but not limited to, the following: 152mm rounds for 2A36 Giatsint; 152mm rounds for D-20 cannons; VOG-17 for automatic grenade launcher AGS-17; 120mm mortar rounds (non-NATO); 122mm rounds for 2S1 Gvozdika; BM-21 GRAD Rockets; 300mm rounds/rockets for MLRS "Smerch;" VOG-25 grenades for under barrel grenade launcher GP-25; 82mm mortar rounds; 125mm HE ammunition for T-72; 152mm rounds for 2A65 Msta; transportation; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$165 million.

The Secretary of State has determined and provided detailed justification that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale to Ukraine of the above defense articles (and defense services) in the national security interests of the United States, thereby waiving the Congressional review requirements under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Ukraine's capability to meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of its forces. The provision of non-standard and legacy Warsaw Pact ammunition will enable the Armed Forces Ukraine to defend itself against ongoing threats and enhance national defense. Ukraine already has these items, or variants thereof, in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor(s) will be selected upon contract award.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Ukraine.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRIBUTE TO THEODORE "TED" BORNSTEIN

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor my friend, Theodore "Ted" Bornstein. Ted recently announced his well-deserved retirement, after a long career as a vital and vigorous public servant and advocate.

In the late 1970s, Ted began his work in Washington, DC, establishing and overseeing the State of Missouri's DC office, and led it for more than 6 years on behalf of Governors Joe Teasdale and Kit Bond. He later shifted to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving as chief of staff to Representatives Cecil Heftel and Les Aspin. After Representative Aspin's confirmation to be Secretary of Defense under then-President Bill Clinton, Ted served as the director of the Defense Reinvestment Task Force.

Following his time in the Department of Defense, Ted returned to Cap-

itol Hill to serve the people of Wisconsin as chief of staff for former Senator Herb Kohl. As Senator Kohl's chief of staff, he led legislative outreach strategies and programs and oversaw the operation of several offices of more than 40 staff. He later departed Senator Kohl's office and joined the firm of Foley & Lardner, LLP, where he will retire as a partner this year.

Ted's experience on Capitol Hill and the executive branch have made him a valuable asset to clients across a wide breadth of interests. He has successfully assisted clients in areas ranging from congressional investigations to defense policy and appropriations, as well as tax policy, healthcare, and governmental ethics.

Outside of his professional work, Ted is a cofounder of the influential Wisconsin Group. This group brings together Wisconsin-connected professionals in business and public policy to meet regularly on issues of importance. His efforts on this front have been invaluable to many bipartisan achievements of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

I am pleased to recognize Ted's long career in public service and advocacy, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

REMEMBERING R. RICHARD "DICK" WAGNER

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor someone who was a true leader and inspiring figure to many in my hometown of Madison, WI, and across our country.

Scholar and activist R. Richard "Dick" Wagner sadly passed away on December 13, 2021, at the age of 78. Dick devoted his life to public service and advancing our common good. In 1980, he was elected as the first openly gay member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors, where he served for 14 years, including 4 years as chair.

I first met Dick in 1984. Fresh out of college and looking to connect with the local political scene, I was invited to a gathering of local progressive elected officials, labor union leaders, and civil rights and environmental activists to strategize about candidate recruitment for city council and school board seats to be contested in the spring elections. We met on the second floor of a popular local establishment, Mother's Pub, which had long been a gathering spot for local progressives. I observed how much respect Dick had earned from his fellow progressive leaders. Following a discussion about the issues the group hoped to advance, we broke into small groups. Dick Wagner led a discussion on opportunities to advance policies, initiatives, and ordinances to counter discrimination against our community. That day, Dick became my role model and mentor, and a lifelong friendship ensued.

As one of the first dozen openly gay officials in the Nation, Dick was a founding member of the International

Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials, now known as the Victory Institute. With quiet determination and the utmost civility, he provided me and many others a path forward. Together, Dick and I cohosted the fifth Victory Institute conference in Madison in 1989.

Dick had an expansive professional career in public service, serving on the Wisconsin Arts Board, the Wisconsin Humanities Committee, the National Board for the Assembly of State Arts Agencies, the Madison Landmarks Commission, Olbrich Botanical Society, Friends of UW Libraries, and the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

He also cofounded UW-Madison's LGBT Alumni Association; and the New Harvest Foundation, the LGBT foundation for south-central Wisconsin, and served on the board of Fair Wisconsin.

Dick understood that change grows at local grassroots level, and he worked hard in a collaborative way to bring it to Wisconsin. His work as a leader in the gay community helped lead to a city gay rights ordinance in 1974 and a county ordinance in 1980 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. He was also instrumental in establishing some of the State's first antidiscrimination laws against gays and lesbians.

In retirement, he fully utilized his doctorate in history by authoring two groundbreaking volumes on gay history in Wisconsin: "We've Been Here All Along" provided an illuminating picture of Wisconsin's gay history from the reporting on the Oscar Wilde trials of 1895 to the landmark Stonewall Riots of 1969. "Coming Out, Moving Forward: Wisconsin's Recent Gay History" outlined the challenges that LGBTQ Wisconsinites faced in their efforts to right past oppressions and secure equality. It also powerfully told the stories of our State's LGBTQ pioneers who pushed back against injustice and found ways to live openly and proudly as themselves.

Dick Wagner was a deeply inspiring person in my life as a role model, mentor, and lifelong friend. In fact, I may not have ever entered public service if not for the guidance and encouragement he provided me to walk the path he paved. He provided the opportunity for young people like myself and others growing up all over Wisconsin to know that they are not alone and that they stand on the shoulders of people who came before them. Dick lived a life that showed to all of us that history only moves in one direction: Forward. For that, I am forever grateful.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ARKANSAS STATE TROOPER SPENCER MORRIS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Arkansas State Trooper Spencer Morris who has been

named the National State Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State, and Provincial Division. Morris has demonstrated his dedication to serving his community, and this high honor is certainly hard earned and well deserved.

Hailing from Crittenden County, Trooper Morris graduated from the Arkansas State Police Training Academy in 2018 and began his career serving and protecting his neighbors and fellow Arkansans. As with all law enforcement positions, this role comes with considerable risk and uncertainty, which he understood and agreed to step into for the sake of public service.

Morris has shown his commitment to the people of Arkansas each day he puts on his badge and uniform, but exhibited incredible bravery on December 16, 2021, during an attempted traffic stop. While on patrol, Morris answered the radio call from the U.S. Marshals Service requesting assistance in the apprehension of a wanted fugitive believed to be armed and dangerous. Morris sprang into action and attempted to pull the suspect's vehicle over when he sustained a shot in the chest. After returning fire and calling for backup, the suspect was successfully apprehended.

Colonel Bill Bryant, director of the Arkansas State Police, said of Morris' heroism, "Trooper Spencer Morris is just one example of more than 500 other Arkansas state troopers, just like him, who set aside awesome risks to themselves each day to make their state a safer and better place to call home."

I am extremely thankful for Trooper Morris and his colleagues who patrol our State highways and serve Natural State citizens each and every day. It is because of their dedication and bravery we are able to travel across our beautiful State and feel safe on our roads, highways, and beyond.

Congratulations to Trooper Spencer Morris on this distinguished and prestigious honor. He represents the best of his community, his brothers and sisters in law enforcement, and our wonderful State. We are tremendously proud of him and celebrate this milestone in his career and protecting the Natural State.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Buffalo National River as we mark the 50th year since it was designated as our country's first National River. Enjoying wildlife and the outdoors is a way of life for residents of the Natural State, and the Buffalo National River has helped countless Arkansans do just that.

Congress formally afforded the Buffalo River Federal protection on March 1, 1972, to preserve its 135 miles of free-flowing river and conserve natural, scenic and scientific features like the deep valleys, towering bluffs, rugged wilderness, and beautiful landscapes of the

Ozark Mountains. That act has helped safeguard one of Arkansas' most prized gems for five decades.

This was the result of the leadership and vision of Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, the longtime representative of the Third Congressional District. Using his position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he helped protect the Buffalo River under the designation as a national river.

This incredible attraction welcomes Arkansans and travelers from all over the world, to take in the State's natural beauty.

From Big Bluff and Hawksbill Crag, to its famous herd of elk, images of the area are instantly recognizable.

The Buffalo National River provides something for everyone. Outdoor enthusiasts come to enjoy the excitement of the river, take in the beauty and serenity of the surrounding wilderness, and experience the friendliness of the Arkansas community. This unique, natural treasure has also been a steady source of economic growth and a staple of our tourism industry for years. Helping to grow businesses and communities, the Buffalo National River has contributed to the betterment of Arkansas in countless ways.

I am so thankful for all the men and women who have worked over the years to make this park what it is today and helped maintain it for all Arkansans to enjoy. It is because of these dedicated individuals and organizations that future generations will be able to experience the river's beauty and inviting atmosphere just as we do today.

In celebration of this historic milestone, an incredible group of park and community workers and volunteers has planned some great events throughout the year, and I am excited to follow along. Congratulations to all those, past and present, who have helped conserve and protect this iconic natural resource that has helped define and differentiate Arkansas for the last 50 years and many more into the future.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE "KAT" MILLER

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank COL Katherine "Kat" Miller for her years of service to the people of Nevada. She leaves behind a powerful legacy of public service and dedication to our military and Nevada's veterans.

Kat Miller grew up in Reno, NV, and after graduating from Reno High School embarked on a 34-year career in the Army and Nevada National Guard. Among her many contributions to our Nation's Armed Forces are her service on four continents and deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Kat was something of a trailblazer serving in multiple leadership positions and commanding thousands of staff as a military police brigade commander in the U.S. and Afghanistan and as the commander of the Depart-

ment of Defense's largest correctional organization. After retirement from the Army, she taught at the University of Maryland and the University of Nevada, Reno before becoming the director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services—NDVS—in 2013.

Nevada has benefited immensely from Kat's directorship of the NDVS. Under her watch, the NDVS made huge strides for our State's veterans. Notably, NDVS assisted the Governor and Nevada mayors in their efforts to reduce suicide among veterans and their families, created nine programs to support unique or at-risk veteran populations, trained hundreds of healthcare providers in understanding how dementia and the aging process affect the care of veterans, and created a program to help employers recruit and retain veterans.

Kat also successfully led the NDVS in applying for over \$70 million in Federal grants for veterans' programs, including for nursing home creation and improvements, cemetery expansions, disabled veterans sports programs, rural transportation initiatives, and telehealth equipment. Under Kat's directorship, the NDVS received five national awards for these innovative veterans support programs: the Nevada Veterans Advocate Program, the Nevada Veterans Legislative Program, the "Ask a VSO" Program, Operation Mission Ready, and the Patriot Employer Program. Furthermore, last year, Kat was appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee to help identify barriers to access to healthcare in rural areas and recommend solutions to the Veterans Affairs secretary.

The list of Kat's achievements and contributions to the State of Nevada and the U.S. Army goes on and on. I have no doubt that Kat's legacy of service will continue to leave a powerful impact on the lives of many veterans in Nevada for years to come. She has my deep thanks.●

REMEMBERING JOHN DiSTASO

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I rise today to join Granite Staters in mourning the loss of John DiStaso, whose tenacious, in-depth, and effective political reporting reflected—and was a tribute to—New Hampshire's independent, skeptical, and engaged political culture.

John got his start in our State as a correspondent for the New Hampshire Union Leader. Beginning as a staff reporter in 1980, John rose to spend many years as the senior political reporter at the Union Leader, becoming an expert on the most pressing issues facing New Hampshire and the political campaigns that help define the Granite State and the Nation. Ending his tenure at the Union Leader in 2014, John later took his talents to WMUR, where he helped lead the station's political coverage.

For any of us who were the subject of his reporting, it was always clear that